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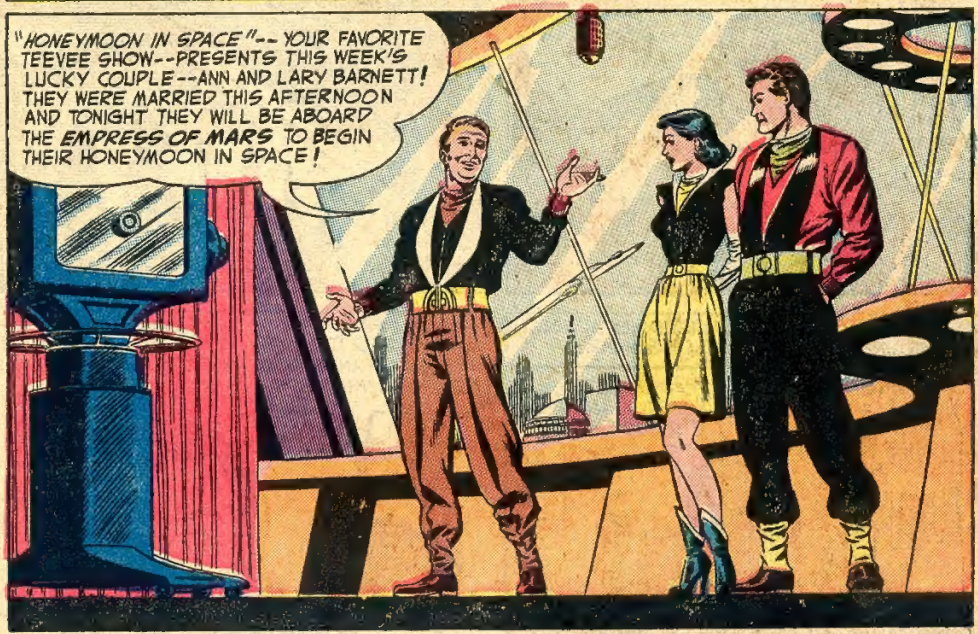
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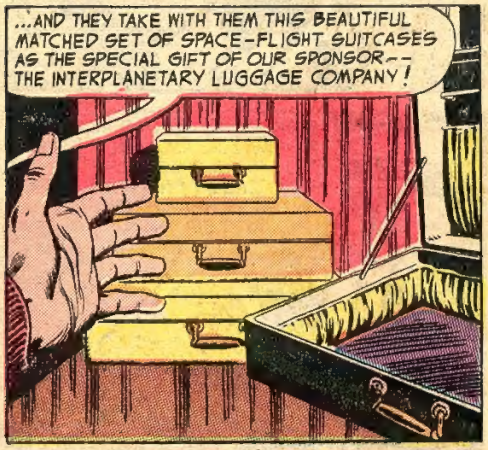
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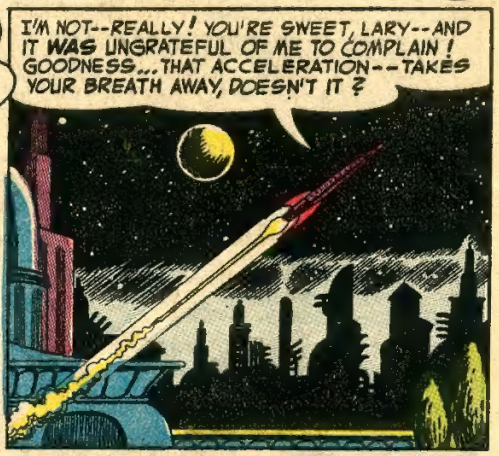
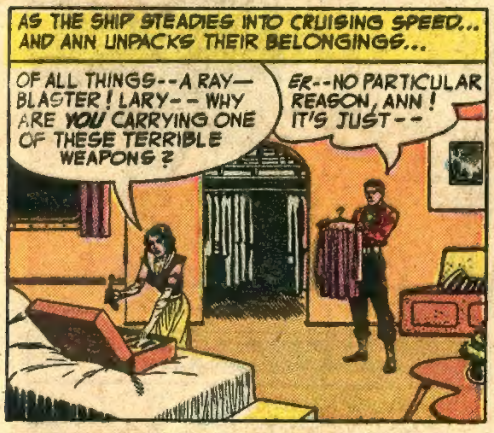
ANN, DARLING, AS A CLERK IN THE EARTH TREASURY DEPARTMENT, I'M NOT WEALTHY ENOUGH TO GIVE YOU THE KIND OF HONEYMOON YOU DESERVE! THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO GO ON THAT PROGRAM! PLEASE SAY YOU'RE NOT ANGRY!


I'M NOT--REALLY! YOU'RE SWEET, LARY--AND IT WAS UNGRATEFUL OF ME TO COMPLAIN! GOODNESS...THAT ACCELERATION--TAKES YOUR BREATH AWAY, DOESN'T IT?

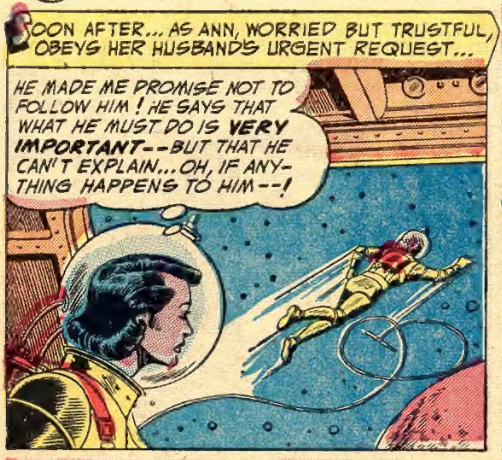

AS THE SHIP STEADIES INTO CRUISING SPEED... AND ANN UNPACKS THEIR BELONGINGS...
OF ALL THINGS--A RAY-BLASTER! LARY--WHY ARE YOU CARRYING ONE OF THESE TERRIBLE WEAPONS?
ER--NO PARTICULAR REASON, ANN! IT'S JUST--

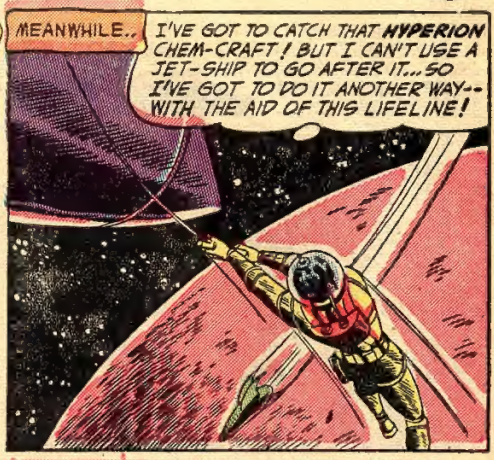
--WELL, A FRIEND OF MINE LOANED IT TO ME--IN CASE OF ANY EMERGENCY ON THE TRIP!
LARY'S CONCEALING SOMETHING FROM ME! WHAT CAN IT BE?

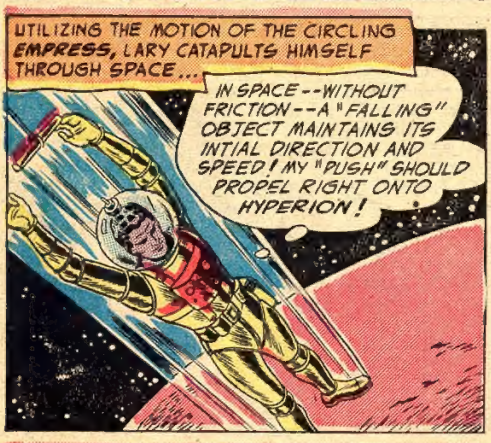
LATER...THE HONEYMOON COUPLE ARE GUESTS OF HONOR AT THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE...
THEN WE DON'T LAND ON HYPERION, CAPTAIN?
NO, MRS. BARNETT! WE MERELY CIRCLE SATURN'S MOON FOR AN HOUR TO ALLOW HYPERION SPACE-TRAVELERS TO BOARD OUR SHIP!

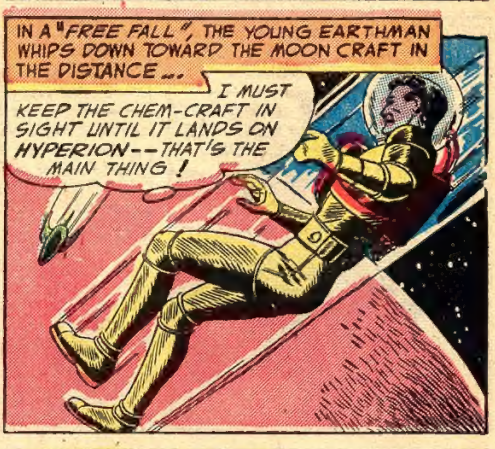
EVERYTHING ON THAT MOON IS HIGHLY INFLAMMABLE! OUR JETS WOULD SET OFF A HOLOCAUST! NO FLAME OR INTENSE HEAT IS EVER PERMITTED THERE!

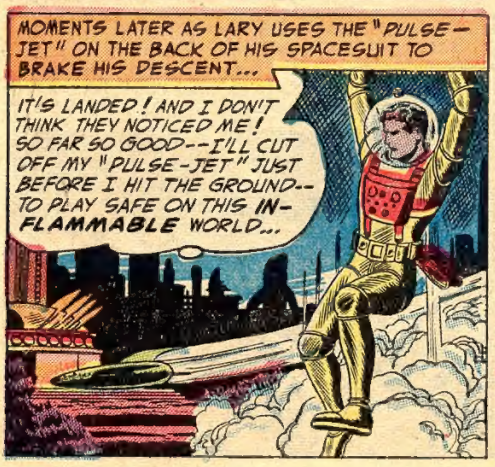
THE HYPERIONS USE ODD LITTLE CHEMICAL-POWERED CRAFT TO REACH PASSING LINERS LIKE OURS! THERE'S ONE NOW...
WHERE DID LARY GO?
DISTURBED, ANN DESCENDS TO THEIR STATEROOM--TO FIND...
OUR SUITCASES... LYING OPEN ON THE FLOOR! SOMEONE HAS BEEN LOOKING THROUGH THEM--BUT WHY? I MUST FIND LARY!
SECONDS LATER, NEAR A SPACE-LOCK STATION AT ONE END OF THE SHIP'S CORRIDOR...
THERE HE IS--IN A BULGER AND SPACE-BUBBLE--SLIPPING INTO THAT SPACE-LOCK!
LARY! WAIT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THE NEXT MOMENT, AS HER HUSBAND VANISHES THROUGH THE LOCK, ANN ACTS ON IMPULSE...
I'M GOING OUT AFTER HIM! HE DIDN'T HEAR ME--AND HE MAY BE IN DANGER! HE'S BEEN ACTING SO STRANGELY! I MUST GET TO HIM--
BRAVELY, THE ANXIOUS GIRL DIVES INTO THE SPACE-LOCK... AND AN INSTANT AFTER...
THERE HE IS!
LARY!
ANN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE?
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE FOLLOWED ME--EH? GREAT LUNA! A GIANT METEOR COMING AT US! I'VE GOT TO SIGNAL THE SHIP TO SHOOT US A LIFELINE--FAST!
SWIFTLY, THE EMPRESS'S EMERGENCY APPARATUS GOES INTO ACTION...
G-GOLLY! THAT WAS CLOSE!
ANN, DARLING! YOU MUST TRUST ME--AND DO EXACTLY AS I SAY...

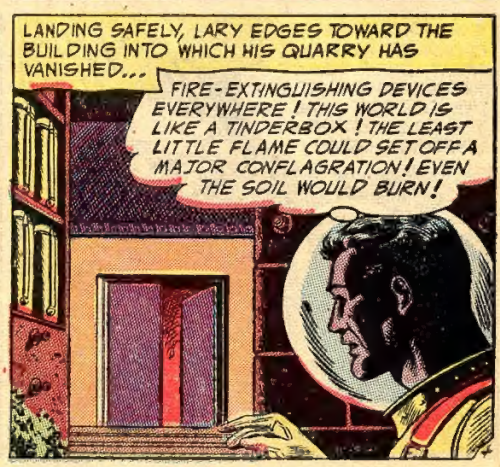

SOON AFTER... AS ANN, WORRIED BUT TRUSTFUL, OBEYS HER HUSBAND'S URGENT REQUEST...
HE MADE ME PROMISE NOT TO FOLLOW HIM! HE SAYS THAT WHAT HE MUST DO IS VERY IMPORTANT--BUT THAT HE CAN'T EXPLAIN...OH, IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO HIM--!


MEANWHILE..
I'VE GOT TO CATCH THAT HYPERION CHEM-CRAFT! BUT I CAN'T USE A JET-SHIP TO GO AFTER IT...SO I'VE GOT TO DO IT ANOTHER WAY--WITH THE AID OF THIS LIFELINE!


UTILIZING THE MOTION OF THE CIRCLING EMPRESS, LARY CATAPULTS HIMSELF THROUGH SPACE...
IN SPACE--WITHOUT FRICTION--A "FALLING" OBJECT MAINTAINS ITS INTIAL DIRECTION AND SPEED! MY "PUSH" SHOULD PROPEL RIGHT ONTO HYPERION!


IN A "FREE FALL", THE YOUNG EARTHMAN WHIPS DOWN TOWARD THE MOON CRAFT IN THE DISTANCE...
I MUST KEEP THE CHEM-CRAFT IN SIGHT UNTIL IT LANDS ON HYPERION--THAT'S THE MAIN THING!


MOMENTS LATER AS LARY USES THE "PULSE-JET" ON THE BACK OF HIS SPACESUIT TO BRAKE HIS DESCENT...
IT'S LANDED! AND I DON'T THINK THEY NOTICED ME! SO FAR SO GOOD--I'LL CUT OFF MY "PULSE-JET" JUST BEFORE I HIT THE GROUND--TO PLAY SAFE ON THIS IN-FLAMMABLE WORLD...

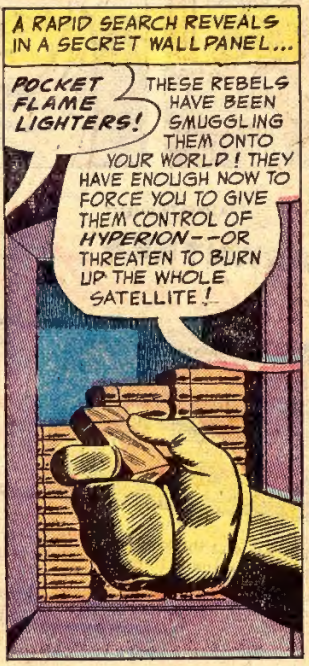

LANDING SAFELY, LARY EDGES TOWARD THE BUILDING INTO WHICH HIS QUARRY HAS VANISHED...
FIRE-EXTINGUISHING DEVICES EVERYWHERE! THIS WORLD IS LIKE A TINDERBOX! THE LEAST LITTLE FLAME COULD SET OFF A MAJOR CONFLAGRATION! EVEN THE SOIL WOULD BURN!

BUT AS THE EARTHMAN SLIPS INSIDE THE BUILDING...
GRAB HIM!
AN AMBUSH! THEY TRICKED ME--THEY MUST HAVE KNOWN ALL ALONG I WAS TRAILING THEM!

WITH A SURGE OF VIGOROUS MUSCLES, LARY MOMENTARILY FREES HIMSELF...
IF I CAN ONLY HOLD THEM OFF UNTIL--
USE YOUR KNIFE, URZU! QUICKLY!

BUT BEFORE THE SHARP-EDGED WEAPON CAN STRIKE, THE DOOR BURSTS OPEN BEFORE THE ONRUSH OF UNIFORMED MEN...
THE HYPERION POLICE! WHEW! I THOUGHT THEY'D NEVER GET HERE!
YOU ALL RIGHT, MR. BARNETT?

WE RECEIVED YOUR RADIO — FLASH--A LOOKOUT SPOTTED YOUR DESCENT--AND WE TRACED YOU HERE! NOW--HAVE YOU ANY PROOF THAT THESE MEN THREATENED THE HYPERION GOVERNMENT?
THE PROOF SHOULD BE IN THIS ROOM, OFFICER!


A RAPID SEARCH REVEALS IN A SECRET WALL PANEL...
POCKET FLAME LIGHTERS!
THESE REBELS HAVE BEEN SMUGGLING THEM ONTO YOUR WORLD! THEY HAVE ENOUGH NOW TO FORCE YOU TO GIVE THEM CONTROL OF HYPERION--OR THREATEN TO BURN UP THE WHOLE SATELLITE!

ONLY POWER-CRAZED MADMEN WOULD BRING DEADLY FLAME-PRODUCERS TO HYPERION! THEY WILL BE TRIED AND PUNISHED!
THAT'S YOUR AFFAIR, SIR! MINE WAS ONLY TO UNCOVER THIS SMUGGLING SET-UP!

LATER...BACK ON THE *EMPRESS* WITH ALL OF THE DANGEROUS LIGHTERS REMOVED FROM *HYPERION*...

THEN...YOU'RE AN UNDERCOVER TREASURY AGENT, LARY!

I COULDN'T TELL YOU BEFORE, ANN--STRICT ORDERS! THE DEPARTMENT SUSPECTED THAT THE "HONEYMOON IN SPACE" COUPLES WERE BEING USED AS INNOCENT DUPES...

ATOM-LIGHTERS

...BY FARRELL, THE PROGRAM *ANNOUNCER!* HE'S UNDER ARREST NOW! HE WAS HIDING THE LIGHTERS IN A FALSE BOTTOM IN THE LUGGAGE--AND RECEIVING PRECIOUS GEMS IN RETURN! I FOUND A *HYPERION* SECRETING THE GEMS IN OUR SUITCASES--HE GOT AWAY AND I FOLLOWED HIM! YOU KNOW THE REST!

NOT LONG AFTERWARD, IN THE OFFICE OF LARY'S SUPERIOR BACK ON EARTH...

YOU DID A FINE JOB, LARY! IN FACT, THE DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING YOU AND MRS. BARNETT A MONTHS VACATION--ON ANY SPACE-RESORT YOU NAME--STARTING NOW!

ER--ANOTHER "HONEYMOON IN SPACE", SIR?

IF IT'S ALL THE SAME TO THE DEPARTMENT, SIR--ANN AND I WILL TAKE THAT VACATION...

...RIGHT HERE ON GOOD OLD *EARTH!*

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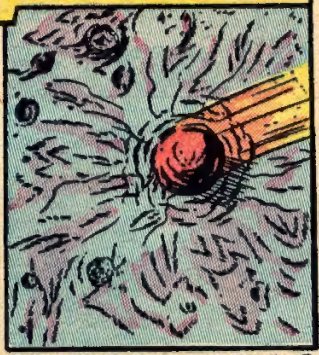

THE MOON'S POCK-MOCKED FACE IS A RESULT OF METEORS PELTING DOWN ON THE SURFACE, ACTING AS A SORT OF NATURAL ATOM BOMB DIGGING GREAT PITS AND THROWING UP THE CRATER WALLS...

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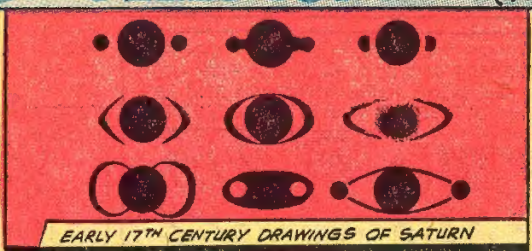

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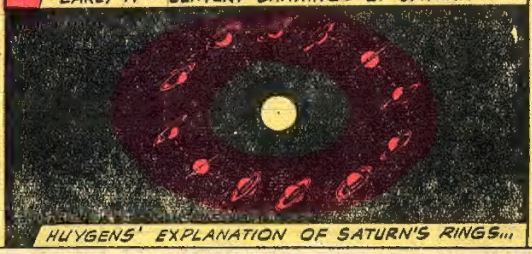

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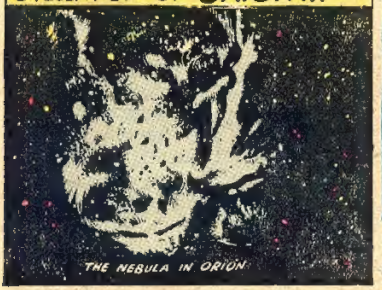

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SO HERE I AM ON MY WAY TO GLLYN!

THE JOURNEY WILL TAKE TWO WEEKS, WHICH I'LL SPEND LEARNING ABOUT MY PROSPECTIVE CLIENTS...

THERE ARE TWO RACES LIVING ON GLYNN! THE LULLIES, WHO COME IN BOTH HUMANOID AND BUTTERFLY FORMS, AND THE KROQUES! YOU'LL LIKE THE LULLIES, BUT THE KROQUES -- UGH!

LULLIES

KROQUES

THE KROQUES LIVE ON THE DARK SIDE OF GLYNN -- SO IF YOU WANT TO LAND THERE...

NO, THANKS, CAPTAIN! I'LL STAY WITH THE LULLIES! IF THEIR DISPOSITION IS AS SUNNY AS THEIR WORLD, I'LL HAVE A BETTER CHANCE TO SELL THEM INSURANCE!

"THE FIRST GLIMPSE I HAD OF THE CAPITAL CITY ASSURED ME I WAS GOING TO LIKE LULLY-LAND..."

I'VE LEARNED ENOUGH OF THEIR LANGUAGE TO GET MY CAMPAIGN GOING IMMEDIATELY!

"I MUST HAVE TALKED TO HUNDREDS OF LULLIES THE FIRST FEW DAYS -- AND WHEN I FAILED TO SELL ONE POLICY, MY CONFIDENCE WAS BEGINNING TO WEAKEN.. JUST A LITTLE."

YOU'VE BEEN HERE SINCE THE PLANET WAS OPENED, MR. COLE! HAVE YOU ANY IDEA WHY I CAN'T SELL INSURANCE TO THE LULLIES?

LULLIES CAN'T DO ANYTHING -- UNTIL THEIR RULER, QUEEN PRYLL, ISSUES A DECREE!

"IT WAS A NATURAL! SELL THE TOP BRASS, AND THEY'D ALL FALL IN LINE! WITHIN THE HOUR, I HAD WON AN INTERVIEW WITH HER MAJESTY..."

--AND THE ADVANTAGE OF LIFE INSURANCE IS THAT YOU LEAVE YOUR FAMILY PROVIDED FOR WHEN YOU DIE, QUEEN PRYLL!

DIE? HMMM... YOUR WAYS ARE STRANGE, EARTHMAN!

SPACEGRAM

THE QUEEN IS DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN OUR POLICIES, BOSS!

WILL LET YOU KNOW HOW I CAME OUT IN MY NEXT SPACEGRAM!

YOURS,

BERT BRANDON

SPACEGRAM

DEAR BOSS:

I CAN SEE THOSE DOLLAR SIGNS POPPING INTO YOUR EYEBALLS AS YOU READ THIS!

YES SIR, I SOLD THE QUEEN -- TO THE PRETTY PREMIUM TUNE OF $1000 IN CREDITS A YEAR! ...

--AND UPON DEATH, THE I.I.I. WILL PAY $50,000 TO YOUR NEXT OF KIN!

VERY GOOD! AND I WILL ISSUE A DECREE TO MY PEOPLE TO TAKE OUT POLICIES TOO!

"OH, YES, IN CASE YOU'RE WORRYING, BOSS, I HAD THE DOC FROM THE SPACESHIP EXAMINE THE POLICY HOLDERS AND --"

ASTOUNDING! THESE LULLIES -- BOTH TYPES -- HAVE TWO HEARTS AND THREE LUNGS! THEY CAN NEVER DIE -- EXCEPT BY ACCIDENT!

"THE LULLIES IMMORTAL! WE'LL NEVER HAVE TO PAY OFF! THE NEXT DAY, AS THE QUEEN WAS SHOWING ME AROUND THE CITY..."

THAT HOODED FIGURE -- RAY-GUNNING A LULLY!

IF THAT LULLY DIES, THE I.I.I. WILL HAVE TO PAY OFF!

"WITH NO CONCERN FOR MY OWN LIFE, I LEAPED IN AND DISARMED THE KILLER..."

A KROQUE -- FROM THE DARK SIDE OF GLYNN!

THE CAPTAIN WAS RIGHT! THESE KROQUES SURE ARE UGLY CREATURES!

"AFTER A GUARD LED THE KROQUE TO THE LULLY EQUIVALENT OF A JAIL..."

I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT! NO KROQUE CAN STAND SUNLIGHT! THE RAYS BLIND THEM! YET THIS ONE WAS ABLE TO INVADE OUR LAND!

ARE THE KROQUES YOUR ENEMIES?

YES! THEY HAVE ALWAYS DESIRED OUR FERTILE LANDS! THEIR SCIENTISTS MUST HAVE DISCOVERED HOW TO OVERCOME THE BLINDING RAYS OF THE SUN! IF THAT IS TRUE, IT MEANS TROUBLE!

SPACEGRAM

DEAR BOSS:

TROUBLE? BOSS, MULTIPLY THAT BY A MILLION!

THE TROUBLE STARTED THIS MORNING WHEN I WAS SUMMONED TO THE HOME OF ONE OF OUR POLICY HOLDERS...

AS YOU CAN SEE, I DIED. THAT'S MY SHELL ON THE SLAB. I AM NOW MY OWN NEXT-OF-KIN, AND CLAIM FULL PAYMENT OF THE $50,000 FROM YOUR COMPANY!

B-BUT YOU'RE ALIVE! YOU DIDN'T DIE AT ALL!

CAN YOU PROVE I AM THE SAME PERSON YOU SOLD THE POLICY TO? OF COURSE NOT! I'VE COMPLETED MY FIRST LIFE SPAN IN MY OLD HUMANOID BODY AND HAVE TAKEN THIS SHAPE! IT'S LIKE THE BUTTERFLIES OF YOUR OWN WORLD! SINCE THE BODY I ONCE INHABITED IS DEAD, YOU MUST PAY ME $50,000!

"I RUSHED TO THE QUEEN, WHO LENT ME AN ATTENTIVE ANTENNA, BUT..."

IT'S REALLY VERY SIMPLE! YOU EARTHMEN HAVE SEEN YOUR BUTTERFLIES COME OUT OF COCOONS! THE ORIGINAL BODY IS DEAD!

BUT YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME ABOUT THIS BEFORE YOU SIGNED UP!

WHY? WE WERE UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO DO SO!

DO YOU REALIZE WHAT THIS MEANS? AT $50,000 APIECE, THE PAY-OFFS WILL RUN INTO BILLIONS! INTERPLANETARY INSURANCE, INC. WILL BE RUINED!

WE'LL BATTLE THIS CASE IN EVERY COURT OF--

YOUR MAJESTY! THE KROQUES! THEY HAVE LEFT THE DARKSIDE AND ARE MARCHING AGAINST US!

SOUND THE ALARM--AT ONCE!

SPACEGRAM

DEAR BOSS:

DON'T FIRE ME YET! YOU DIDN'T THINK FOR A MOMENT MY INGENUITY WOULDN'T FIND A WAY TO SAVE I.I.I. FROM BANKRUPTCY! WHEN THE KROQUE ARMY NEARED THE FRONTIER, THE QUEEN AND I SPIED ON THEM FROM AN OVER-LOOKING HILL ...

THE SUN NO LONGER PROTECTS US! THEY HAVE WEAPONS--AND WE HAVE NONE! THIS MEANS MOST OF MY PEOPLE WILL BE KILLED!

THEN MY COMPANY WILL REALLY HAVE TO PAY! I BETTER THINK OF SOME WAY OUT OF THIS--FAST!

"I TRIED TO BORROW THE SPACESHIP'S GUNS, BUT THE CAPTAIN REFUSED. SAID IT WAS A BREACH OF INTER-PLANETARY LAW. THINGS LOOKED DARK FOR THE LULLIES AND THE I.I.I..."

WE ARE UNARMED--BUT LET US SHOW THE KROQUES THAT WE CAN DIE LIKE LULLIES!

"AS I PASSED THE SPACESHIP, I NOTICED THE ASTRONOMERS UNLOADING A TELE-SCOPE..."

THAT TELESCOPIC LENS! IT GIVES ME AN IDEA!

"I BORROWED THE LENS FROM THE ASTRON-OMERS AND RODE OUT WITH THE QUEEN TO MEET THE KROQUES..."

BUT HOW CAN YOU HOPE TO STOP THE KROQUE INVADERS WITH A TELESCOPE LENS?

YOU'LL GET YOUR ANSWER AS SOON AS I FOCUS THE SUN'S RAYS THROUGH THE LENS!

"THEN I TURNED ON THE HEAT..."

EEEYAH!

"BEFORE THE KROQUES COULD ADVANCE OR RETREAT, I SWEPT THEM ALL WITH CON-CENTRATED SUNLIGHT UNTIL..."

YOU DESTROYED THEM ALL! HOW CAN WE EVER REPAY YOU?

OH, I'M--ER--SURE YOU'LL THINK OF SOME-THING, YOUR MAJESTY!

SPACEGRAM

DEAR BOSS:

THE QUEEN DIDN'T TAKE LONG TO SHOW HER APPRE-CIATION!

THE NEXT DAY SHE SUMMONED ME TO HER PALACE...

NOBLE EARTHMAN, I HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU! AS A REWARD FOR SAVING OUR RACE, I HAVE DECIDED THAT YOUR COMPANY DOES NOT HAVE TO PAY OFF ON OUR LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES!

THANK YOU, YOUR MAJESTY! I WAS HOPING YOU'D SAY THAT!

"LATER, I WATCHED AS THE KROQUE BODIES WERE REMOVED TO THEIR OWN LAND..."

THEY SHALL BE BURIED IN THEIR OWN TERRAIN!

LET'S GO TO THE DARKSIDE! I'VE NEVER BEEN THERE!

"BUT IN DARKSIDE--I GOT THE SURPRISE OF MY LIFE!"

WH--WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE KROQUES?

THEY'RE CHANGING FORM!

THANK YOU, EARTHMAN! YOUR CONCENTRATED SUN-RAYS DESTROYED OUR UGLY KROQUE SHAPES AND ENABLED US TO GAIN ANOTHER LIFE-FORM!

WE HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO BECOME FIREFLY PEOPLE BECAUSE WE COULD NEVER GET ENOUGH SUNLIGHT! NOW YOU HAVE HELPED US CHANGE, EARTHMAN! THANKS AGAIN!

SPACEGRAM

SO, DEAR BOSS, I.I.I. IS SITTING PRETTY WITH WITH A MILLION LULLY LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES, WHICH WE'LL NEVER HAVE TO PAY OFF!

AND AS SOON AS I GET THAT RAISE I SO RICHLY DESERVE, I'LL GO OVER TO DARKSIDE AND SIGN UP MY GRATEFUL FRIENDS, THE FIREFLY PEOPLE! THEY'RE IMMORTAL TOO!

YOURS,

BERT BRANDON

The End

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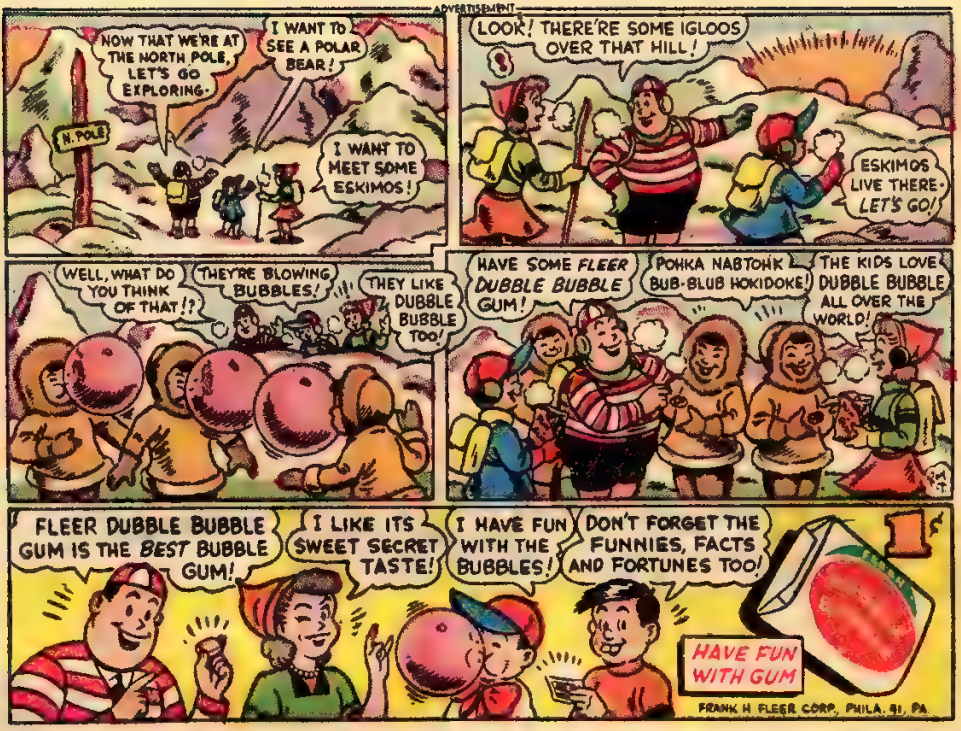
NOW THAT WE'RE AT THE NORTH POLE, LET'S GO EXPLORING.
I WANT TO SEE A POLAR BEAR!
N. POLE
I WANT TO MEET SOME ESKIMOS!
LOOK! THERE'RE SOME IGLOOS OVER THAT HILL!
ESKIMOS LIVE THERE. LET'S GO!
WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT!?
THEY'RE BLOWING BUBBLES!
THEY LIKE DUBBLE BUBBLE TOO!
HAVE SOME FLEER DUBBLE BUBBLE GUM!
POHKA NABTOHK BUB-BLUB HOKIDOKE!
THE KIDS LOVE DUBBLE BUBBLE ALL OVER THE WORLD!
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I LIKE ITS SWEET SECRET TASTE!
I HAVE FUN WITH THE BUBBLES!
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When POLIO is around, follow these PRECAUTIONS

1. Keep clean
2. Don't get fatigued
3. Avoid new groups
4. Don't get chilled

A VACCINE is not ready for 1953. But there is hope for the future.

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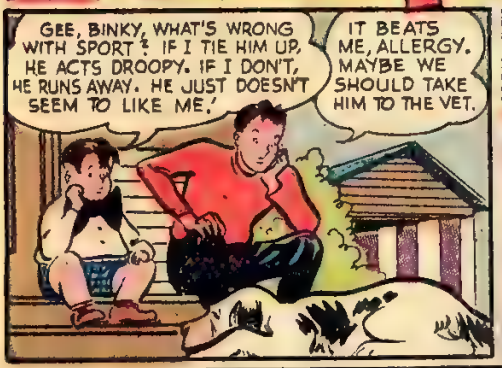
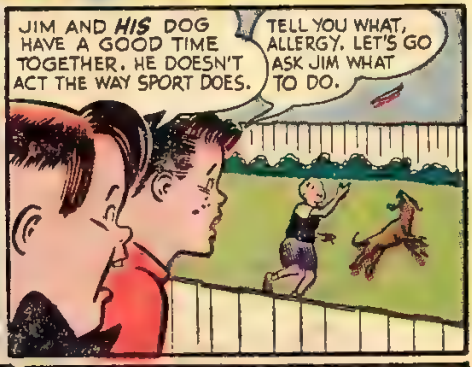
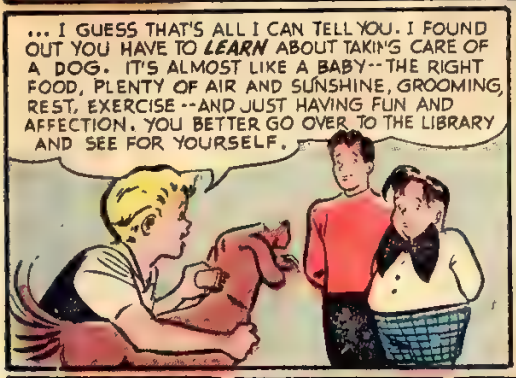
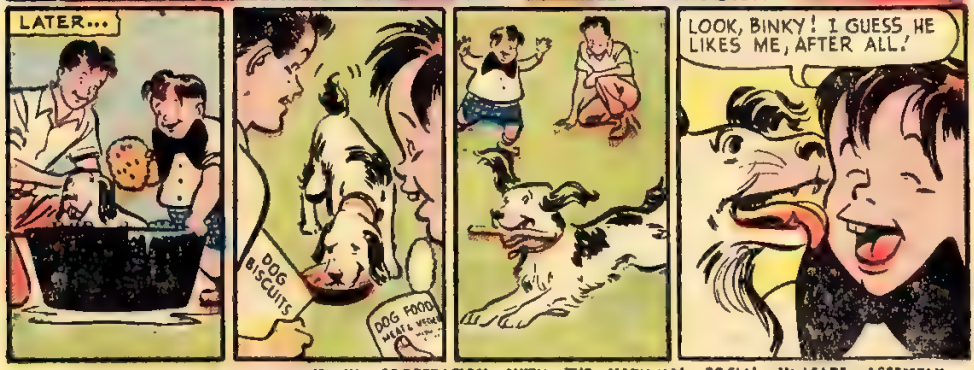
Binky says: "Give Your Pet All The Breaks!"


GEE, BINKY, WHAT'S WRONG WITH SPORT? IF I TIE HIM UP, HE ACTS DROOPY. IF I DON'T, HE RUNS AWAY. HE JUST DOESN'T SEEM TO LIKE ME.
IT BEATS ME, ALLERGY. MAYBE WE SHOULD TAKE HIM TO THE VET.




... I GUESS THAT'S ALL I CAN TELL YOU. I FOUND OUT YOU HAVE TO LEARN ABOUT TAKING CARE OF A DOG. IT'S ALMOST LIKE A BABY--THE RIGHT FOOD, PLENTY OF AIR AND SUNSHINE, GROOMING, REST, EXERCISE--AND JUST HAVING FUN AND AFFECTION. YOU BETTER GO OVER TO THE LIBRARY AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.



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The EARTHMAN AND THE ROBOT!

MY NAME IS HARRY MALCOLM. I WAS AN ENGINEER, HAPPY HERE ON EARTH, UNTIL THE FATEFUL DAY I LEARNED THAT I WAS DESTINED TO TRAVEL TO ANOTHER WORLD AND FACE A MONSTROUS MACHINE... A VAMPIRE ROBOT WHICH DRAINED ME OF ALL MY KNOWLEDGE, AND THEN COMMANDED ME TO... DIE!

YOUR BRAIN'S SECRETS ARE NOW MINE, EARTH-MAN! I HAVE NO FURTHER USE FOR YOU! DESTROY YOURSELF!

GIL KANE, B. SACHS

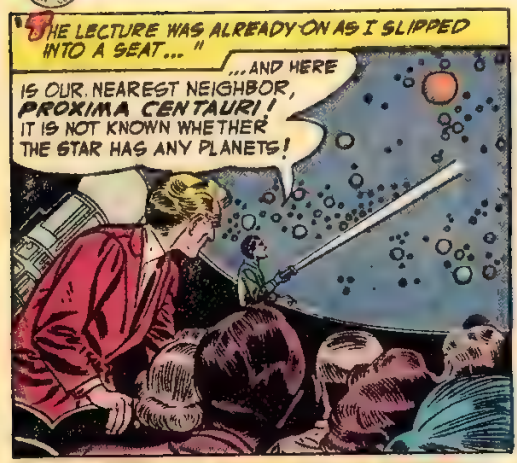
"IT ALL STARTED THE AFTERNOON I DECIDED TO TAKE A WALK IN THE PARK!"

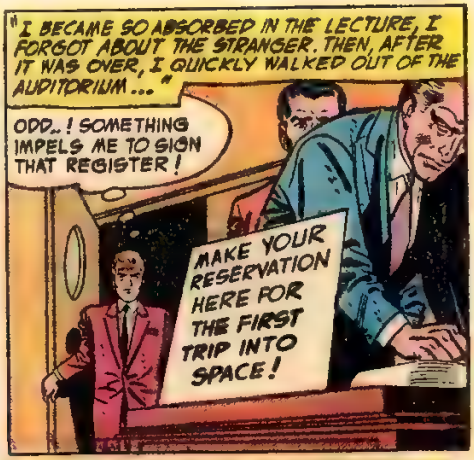
THAT MAN'S BEEN FOLLOWING ME FOR AN HOUR! SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT HIM...

"AS I PASSED THE PLANETARIUM, I SUDDENLY TURNED AND RACED UP THE STEPS..."

I'LL LOSE HIM INSIDE THE DARKENED AUDITORIUM...

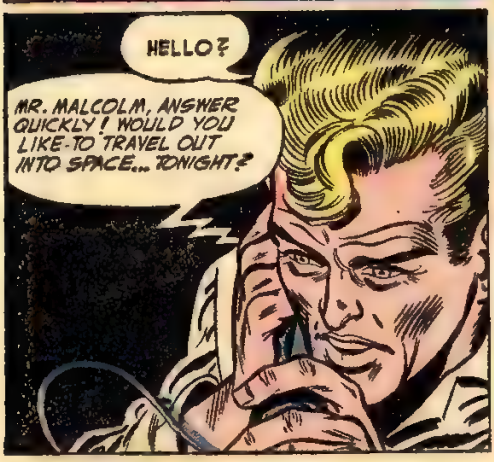
SHOWING THIS WEEK: 'EARTH'S NEAREST STAR NEIGHBOR.'

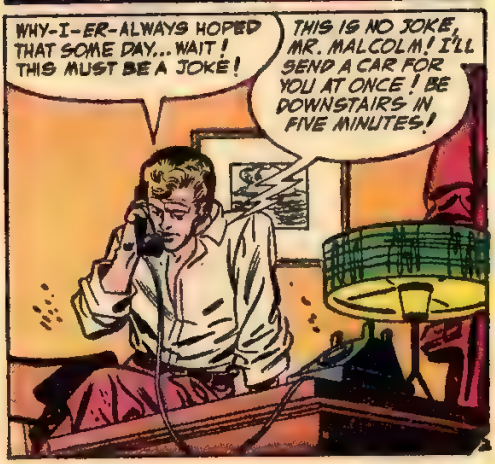

"THE LECTURE WAS ALREADY ON AS I SLIPPED INTO A SEAT..."
...AND HERE IS OUR NEAREST NEIGHBOR, PROXIMA CENTAURI! IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THE STAR HAS ANY PLANETS!


"I BECAME SO ABSORBED IN THE LECTURE, I FORGOT ABOUT THE STRANGER. THEN, AFTER IT WAS OVER, I QUICKLY WALKED OUT OF THE AUDITORIUM..."
ODD..! SOMETHING IMPELS ME TO SIGN THAT REGISTER!
MAKE YOUR RESERVATION HERE FOR THE FIRST TRIP INTO SPACE!

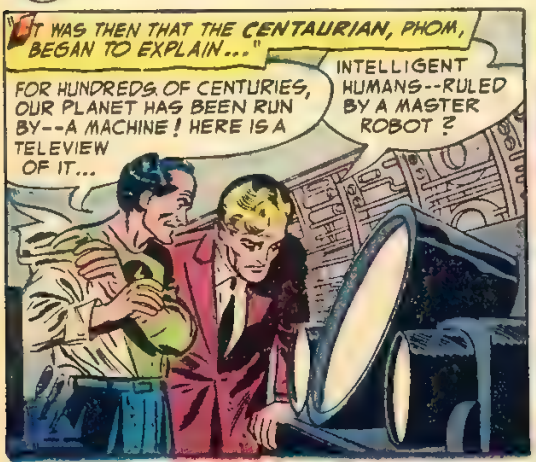
"AFTER I SIGNED UP AND WAS TURNING AWAY..."
YOU! STOP FOLLOWING ME, OR I'LL CALL THE POLICE!

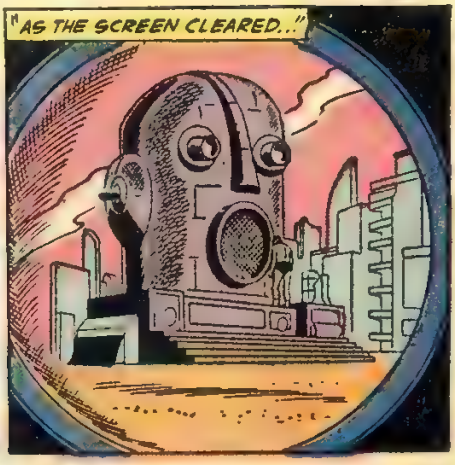
"MY THREAT MUST HAVE FRIGHTENED HIM, FOR THE STRANGER DASHED AWAY WITHOUT ANSWERING ME! LATER THAT NIGHT, IN MY APARTMENT..."
RRING!
WHO CAN BE CALLING ME AT THIS HOUR?

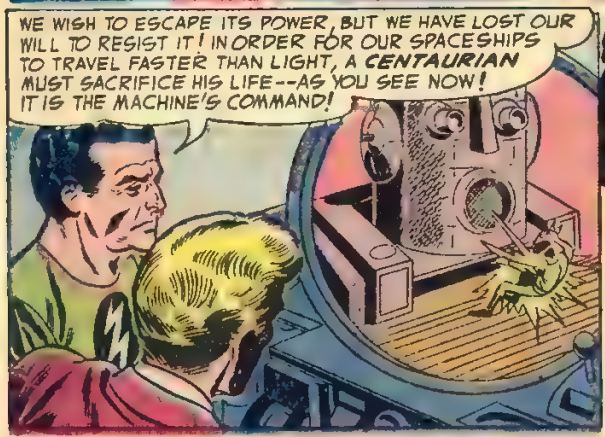

HELLO?
MR. MALCOLM, ANSWER QUICKLY! WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRAVEL OUT INTO SPACE... TONIGHT?

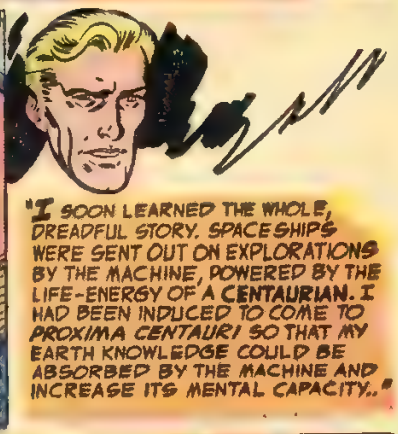

WHY-I-ER-ALWAYS HOPED THAT SOME DAY... WAIT! THIS MUST BE A JOKE!
THIS IS NO JOKE, MR. MALCOLM! I'LL SEND A CAR FOR YOU AT ONCE! BE DOWNSTAIRS IN FIVE MINUTES!

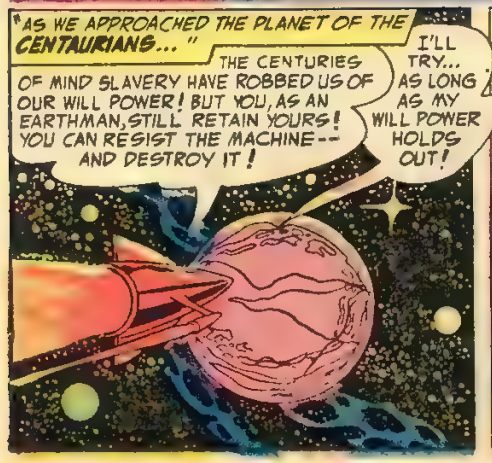
"MY FIRST IMPULSE WAS TO IGNORE THE CALL -- BUT AGAIN, THAT STRANGE SENSE URGED ME TO OBEY AND..."
THERE'S THE CAR, RIGHT ON TIME! BUT--TO TRAVEL IN SPACE! IS IT POSSIBLE..?
"I GOT INTO THE DARK CAR. THERE WAS A CLICK AS THE DOOR LOCKED! THEN..."
GREAT SCOTT! THERE'S NO ONE ELSE IN THIS CAR! IT'S DRIVING ITSELF THROUGH TRAFFIC!
"WE RACED ACROSS TOWN TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY! FINALLY WE DREW UP BEFORE A TALL ODD-LOOKING BUILDING..."
YOU AGAIN! YOU BETTER EXPLAIN THIS OR...
WELCOME, HARRY MALCOLM! ENTER... I SHALL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING!
"NO SOONER HAD I ENTERED THE HOUSE WHEN THERE WAS A TERRIFIC ROAR, AND..."
WHA... WHAT'S HAPPENING?
HAVE NO FEAR, MR. MALCOLM! THE VIBRATION WILL SOON STOP!
VAROOOM!
"IN A FEW MOMENTS, I WAS ABLE TO WALK INTO THE NEXT ROOM WHERE..."
THOSE INSTRUMENTS... THIS ROOM! WHA... WHAT IS THIS?
WAIT UNTIL YOU LOOK THROUGH THAT VIEWER! THEN YOU'LL SEE...
...THIS IS NO HOUSE, MR. MALCOLM! THIS IS A SPACESHIP! A SPACESHIP BOUND FOR OUR HOME... PROXIMA CENTAURI!

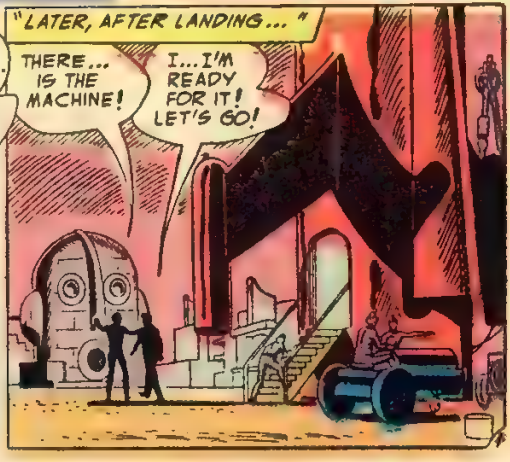

"IT WAS THEN THAT THE CENTAURIAN, PHOM, BEGAN TO EXPLAIN..."
FOR HUNDREDS OF CENTURIES, OUR PLANET HAS BEEN RUN BY--A MACHINE! HERE IS A TELEVIEW OF IT...
INTELLIGENT HUMANS--RULED BY A MASTER ROBOT?


"AS THE SCREEN CLEARED..."

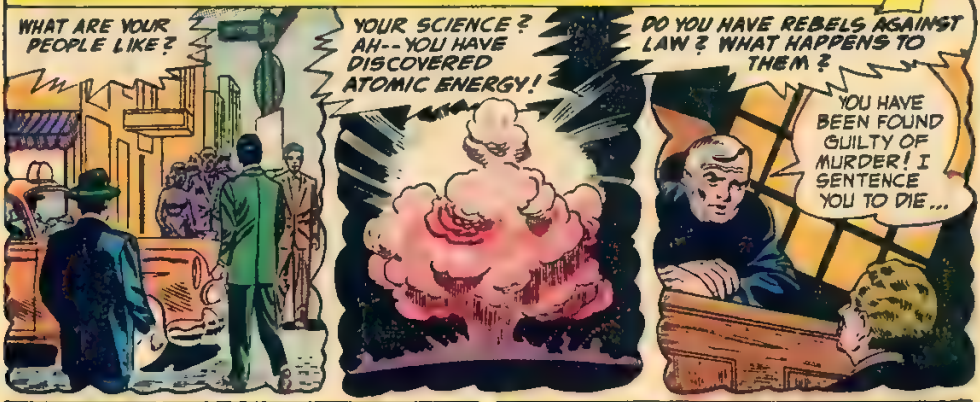

WE WISH TO ESCAPE ITS POWER, BUT WE HAVE LOST OUR WILL TO RESIST IT! IN ORDER FOR OUR SPACESHIPS TO TRAVEL FASTER THAN LIGHT, A CENTAURIAN MUST SACRIFICE HIS LIFE--AS YOU SEE NOW! IT IS THE MACHINE'S COMMAND!


"I SOON LEARNED THE WHOLE, DREADFUL STORY. SPACESHIPS WERE SENT OUT ON EXPLORATIONS BY THE MACHINE, POWERED BY THE LIFE-ENERGY OF A CENTAURIAN. I HAD BEEN INDUCED TO COME TO PROXIMA CENTAURI SO THAT MY EARTH KNOWLEDGE COULD BE ABSORBED BY THE MACHINE AND INCREASE ITS MENTAL CAPACITY.."

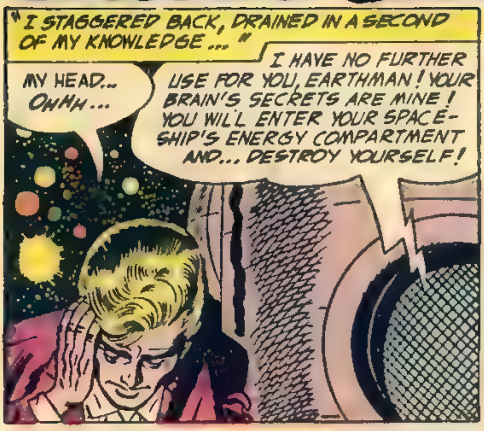

"AS WE APPROACHED THE PLANET OF THE CENTAURIANS..."
THE CENTURIES OF MIND SLAVERY HAVE ROBBED US OF OUR WILL POWER! BUT YOU, AS AN EARTHMAN, STILL RETAIN YOURS! YOU CAN RESIST THE MACHINE--AND DESTROY IT!
I'LL TRY... AS LONG AS MY WILL POWER HOLDS OUT!


"LATER, AFTER LANDING..."
THERE... IS THE MACHINE!
I...I'M READY FOR IT! LET'S GO!

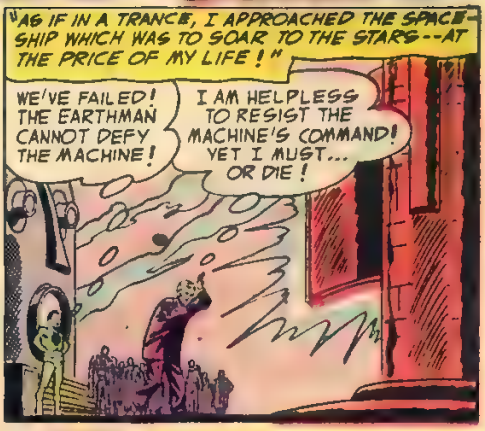
"AS I ADVANCED TOWARD THE METAL DICTATOR, I FELT THE PROBE OF A GIGANTIC MIND! QUESTIONS FLASHED ACROSS MY BRAIN--AND I COULD NOT HELP BUT ANSWER!"

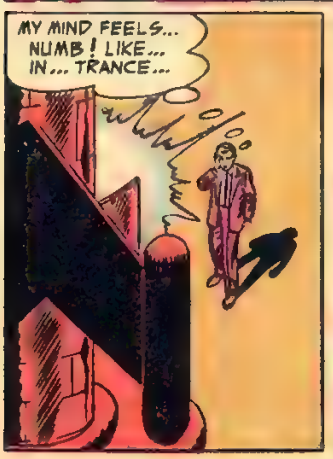

WHAT ARE YOUR PEOPLE LIKE?
YOUR SCIENCE? AH--YOU HAVE DISCOVERED ATOMIC ENERGY!
DO YOU HAVE REBELS AGAINST LAW? WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM?
YOU HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER! I SENTENCE YOU TO DIE...

"I STAGGERED BACK, DRAINED IN A SECOND OF MY KNOWLEDGE..."

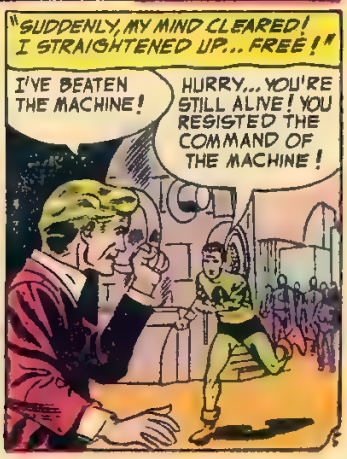

MY HEAD.. OWWH...
I HAVE NO FURTHER USE FOR YOU, EARTHMAN! YOUR BRAIN'S SECRETS ARE MINE! YOU WILL ENTER YOUR SPACE-SHIP'S ENERGY COMPARTMENT AND... DESTROY YOURSELF!

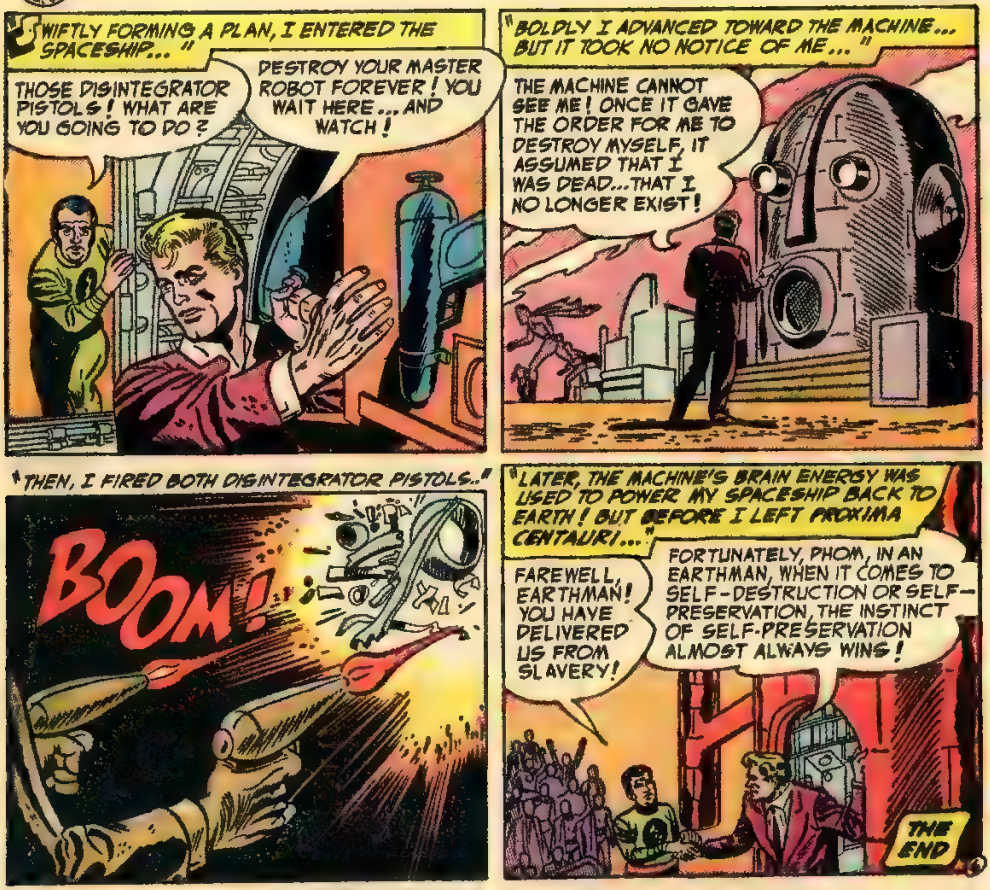
"AS IF IN A TRANCE, I APPROACHED THE SPACE-SHIP WHICH WAS TO SOAR TO THE STARS--AT THE PRICE OF MY LIFE!"





"SUDDENLY, MY MIND CLEARED! I STRAIGHTENED UP... FREE!"




SWIFTLY FORMING A PLAN, I ENTERED THE SPACESHIP..."
THOSE DISINTEGRATOR PISTOLS! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
DESTROY YOUR MASTER ROBOT FOREVER! YOU WAIT HERE... AND WATCH!
"BOLDLY I ADVANCED TOWARD THE MACHINE... BUT IT TOOK NO NOTICE OF ME..."
THE MACHINE CANNOT SEE ME! ONCE IT GAVE THE ORDER FOR ME TO DESTROY MYSELF, IT ASSUMED THAT I WAS DEAD...THAT I NO LONGER EXIST!
"THEN, I FIRED BOTH DISINTEGRATOR PISTOLS.."
BOOM!
"LATER, THE MACHINE'S BRAIN ENERGY WAS USED TO POWER MY SPACESHIP BACK TO EARTH! BUT BEFORE I LEFT PROXIMA CENTAURI..."
FAREWELL, EARTHMAN! YOU HAVE DELIVERED US FROM SLAVERY!
FORTUNATELY, PHOM, IN AN EARTHMAN, WHEN IT COMES TO SELF-DESTRUCTION OR SELF-PRESERVATION, THE INSTINCT OF SELF-PRESERVATION ALMOST ALWAYS WINS!
THE END

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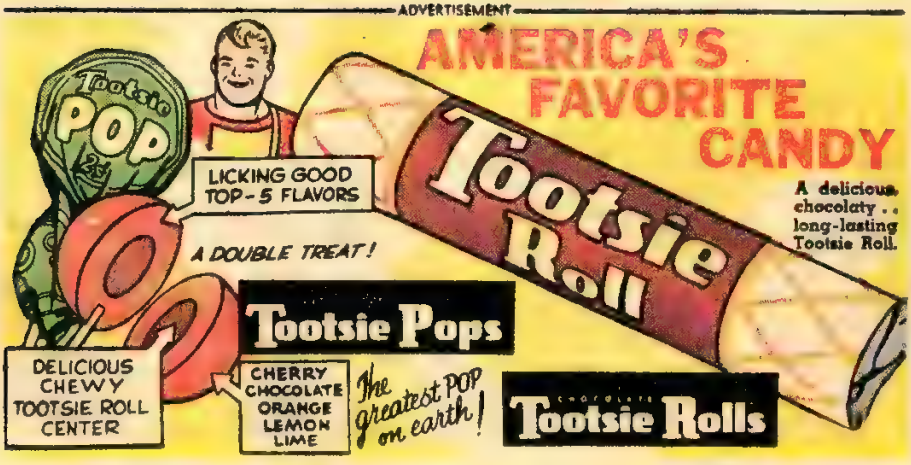

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT STARS?

TRUE-FALSE

(Below are 10 statements concerning the *distances of stars*. Select the ones that are completely correct and answer *true*. If you spot one that is all or partly erroneous, answer *false*. For each number correctly answered, credit yourself with 4 points.)

1. The first astronomer to form any true idea of the tremendous distances of stars was Isaac Newton. He demonstrated from his theory of gravitation that the stars must be many hundreds of times as remote as the planets, otherwise the stars would fall into the sun or describe orbits about it.

2. Any attempt to express the distances of stars in *miles* becomes too cumbersome to handle. Therefore larger units are employed —such as a *light year* (the distance light travels in one year—5,880,000,000 miles) and an *astronomical unit* (the average distance of the earth from the sun—92,900,000 miles).

3. The nearest star to Earth, *Alpha Centauri*, 4¼ light years distant, cannot be seen from anywhere in the United States.

4. There is more empty space between the planets of our solar system than between the stars of our galaxy.

5. If the nearest stars were surrounded by planets, they could be detected by our greatest telescopes.

6. If we know the distance of a star, we will also know how much of its *apparent* brightness or faintness is due to its distance and how much is due to its *intrinsic* brightness or faintness.

7. Many of the nearest stars are so faint that they cannot be seen without the aid of a telescope, while more distant stars are so bright that they can be seen with the naked eye.

8. Exact modern measurements indicate the nearest stars are almost exactly a billion times as distant as the nearest planets.

9. If a listing were made of all the stars within 16 light years of Earth, it would total about 1000 stars.

10. One of the most distant stars we can see without a telescope is 2000 light years away—number 70 in *Ophiuchus*.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

(Herewith are presented 10 statements dealing with the *sizes of stars*. However, only *one* of a trio of statements is correct. Make your choice and take 2 point for each alternate correctly answered.)

1. It wasn't until 1921 that the actual diameter of any star was successfully measured. This star was *Betelgeuse* and its diameter was calculated to be 400 million miles. This fact should enable you to figure out that it is (a) 6, (b) 160, (c) 460 times larger than our sun.

2. The "giant" class of stars consists of those stars 16 to 40 times the size of our sun.

A representative star of this group is (a) Arcturus, (b) Sirius, (c) Vega.

3. The most numerous class of stars, ranging in size a little smaller or larger than our sun, are classified under the general heading of (a) main sequence stars, (b) white dwarf stars, (c) yellow stars.

4. The diameter of a star can best be calculated from its (a) distance, (b) color, (c) orbit.

5. The smallest star discovered to date has a diameter of only 4000 miles. That makes it closest in size to the planet (a) Earth, (b) Jupiter, (c) Mercury.

6. If a compilation of stars were made in order of size, we would discover that to a large extent that they would also be arranged in order of (a) color, (b) distance, (c) temperature.

7. The largest stars almost without exception are found to be colored (a) red, (b) white, (c) blue.

8. The *white dwarfs* are the (a) hottest, (b) smallest, (c) brightest of all the stars.

9. The first *white dwarf* discovered was the companion star to (a) Alpha Centauri, (b) Sirius, (c) Procyon.

10. One of the most useful instruments for measuring the diameters of stars is the (a) photometer, (b) telescope, (c) interferometer.

MISSING WORD

(Supply the missing word that will complete the following facts about the *brightness of stars*. Each word correctly given is worth 5 points.)

1. The brightness of a star is determined by its magnitude, the ..... the magnitude, the brighter the star.

2. Although ..... is actually the fifth nearest star to Earth, it appears as the brightest star in the sky.

3. A star's individual brightness depends on the size of the star and the amount of ..... it emits from each square mile of its surface.

4. When a star varies in brightness within a period of hours, the chances are that it is being ..... by another star.

5. Throughout the whole sky there are less than 7000 stars bright enough to be seen by the naked eye, and of this amount only about ..... can actually be seen by the keenest eye on any one night.

MATCHING COLUMNS

(In the first column are listed the names of five prominent stars. In column two are listed their unique distinctions, but in incorrect order. Tag the right star to the right distinction, and take 3 points for each of the correctly joined terms.)

1. Sirius	A. Most luminous star in our galaxy
2. Alpha Centauri	B. Largest star
3. Rigel	C. Nearest star
4. Epsilon Aurigae	D. Star with greatest proper motion
5. Barnard's Star	E. Brightest appearing star

ANSWERS

True-False: 1, true. 2, true. 3, true. 4, false. 5, false. 6, true. 7, true. 8, false (only a *million* times distant). 9, false (only 48 stars). 10, true.

Multiple Choice: 1,c. 2,a. 3,a. 4,b. 5,c. 6,a. 7,a. 8,b. 9,b. 10,c.

Missing Word: 1, lower. 2, Sirius. 3, radiation. 4, eclipsed. 5, 2,000.

Matching Columns: 1-E, 2-C, 3-A, 4-B, 5-D.

RATINGS

90 to 100—You're as bright as a supernova!

75 to 90—You're as bright as Sirius!

60 to 75—You're as bright as the Full Moon!

0 to 60—You're as bright as the sun during a total eclipse!

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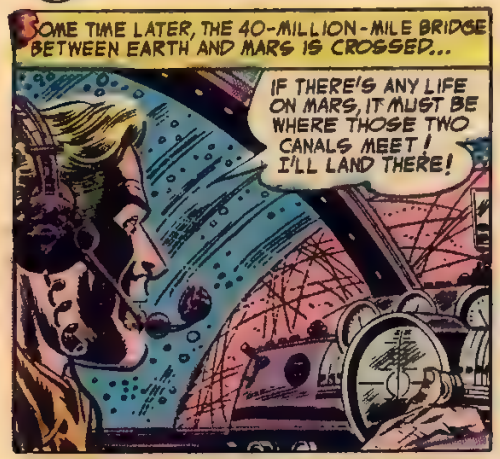
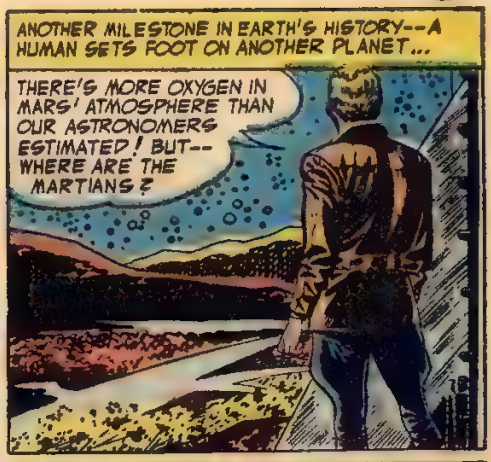
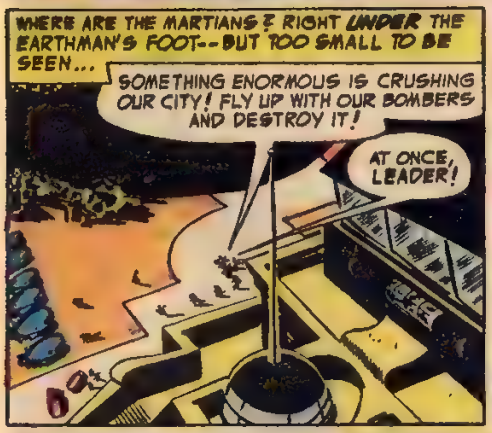
A LONE ROCKET DARTS AWAY FROM EARTH ON MAN'S FIRST ATTEMPT TO CROSS INTER-PLANETARY SPACE-- DESTINATION: MARS! ...

AT THE SAME INSTANT, ANOTHER SPACE-CRAFT BLASTS OFF FROM MARS--DESTINATION: EARTH! ...

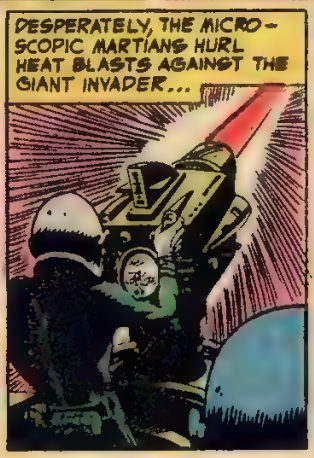

SOME TIME LATER, THE 40-MILLION-MILE BRIDGE BETWEEN EARTH AND MARS IS CROSSED...
IF THERE'S ANY LIFE ON MARS, IT MUST BE WHERE THOSE TWO CANALS MEET! I'LL LAND THERE!


ANOTHER MILESTONE IN EARTH'S HISTORY--A HUMAN SETS FOOT ON ANOTHER PLANET...
THERE'S MORE OXYGEN IN MARS' ATMOSPHERE THAN OUR ASTRONOMERS ESTIMATED! BUT-- WHERE ARE THE MARTIANS?

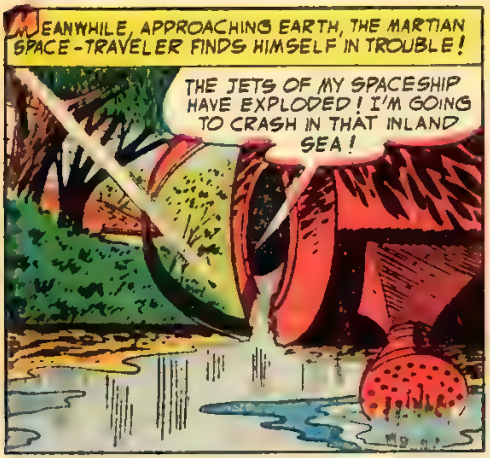

WHERE ARE THE MARTIANS? RIGHT UNDER THE EARTHMAN'S FOOT--BUT TOO SMALL TO BE SEEN...
SOMETHING ENORMOUS IS CRUSHING OUR CITY! FLY UP WITH OUR BOMBERS AND DESTROY IT!
AT ONCE, LEADER!

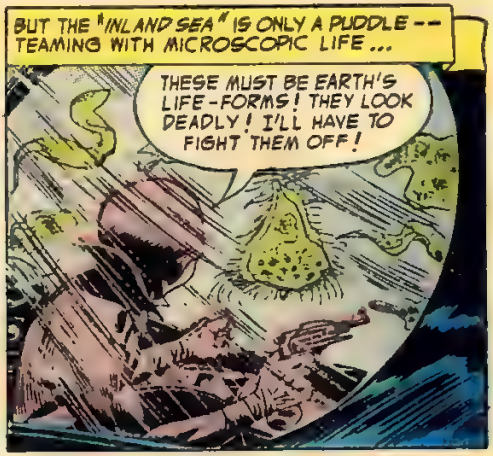
SOON, THE MARTIAN FLEET IS SHOOTING ITS DEADLIEST EXPLOSIVES AT THE GIANT...
BLAST THESE PESKY BUGS! SHOO--GO 'WAY!
OUR WEAPONS HAVE NO EFFECTS ON THE MONSTER!

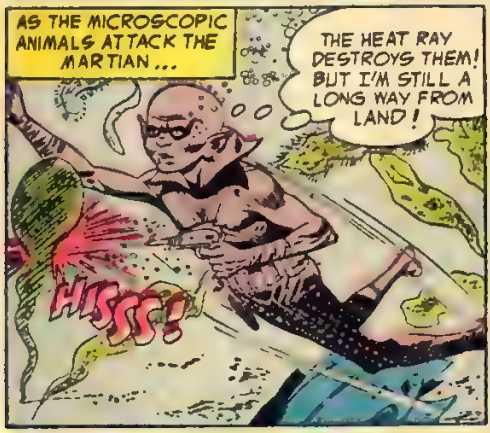
HALF OUR FLEET HAS BEEN DE-STROYED, LEADER! MARS IS DOOMED!
BRING OUT THE HEAT PROJECTORS! WE MUST FIND A WAY TO DESTROY THE MENACE!

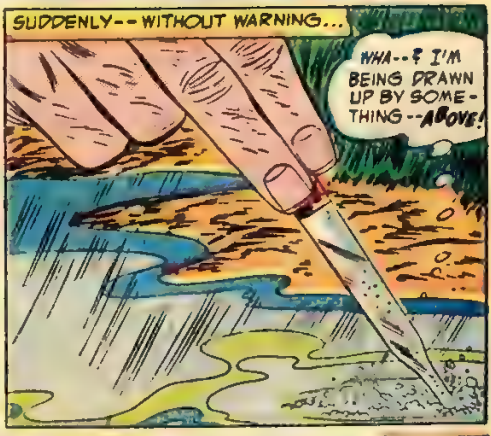

DESPERATELY, THE MICRO-SCOPIC MARTIANS HURL HEAT BLASTS AGAINST THE GIANT INVADER...

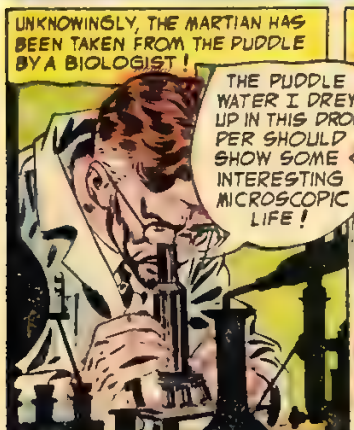
EEEOWW! A HOT-FOOT!

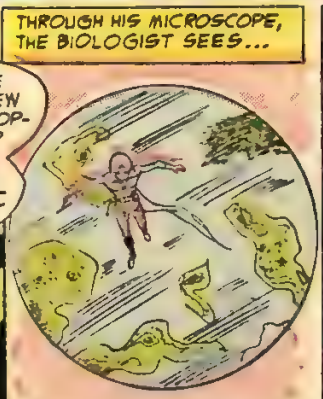

MEANWHILE, APPROACHING EARTH, THE MARTIAN SPACE-TRAVELER FINDS HIMSELF IN TROUBLE!
THE JETS OF MY SPACESHIP HAVE EXPLODED! I'M GOING TO CRASH IN THAT INLAND SEA!

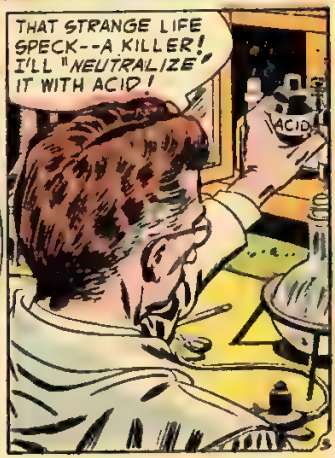

BUT THE "INLAND SEA" IS ONLY A PUDDLE -- TEAMING WITH MICROSCOPIC LIFE...
THESE MUST BE EARTH'S LIFE-FORMS! THEY LOOK DEADLY! I'LL HAVE TO FIGHT THEM OFF!


AS THE MICROSCOPIC ANIMALS ATTACK THE MARTIAN...
THE HEAT RAY DESTROYS THEM! BUT I'M STILL A LONG WAY FROM LAND!
HISSS!

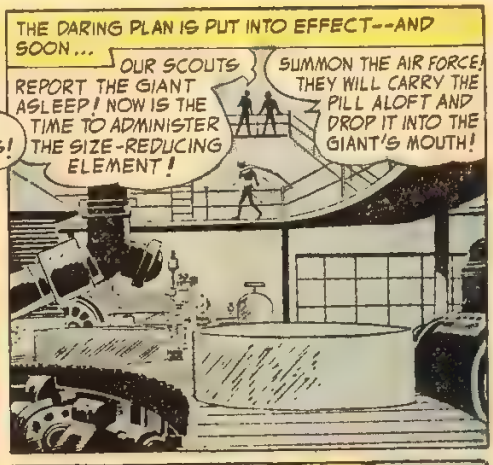

SUDDENLY -- WITHOUT WARNING...
WHA--? I'M BEING DRAWN UP BY SOMETHING -- ABOVE!

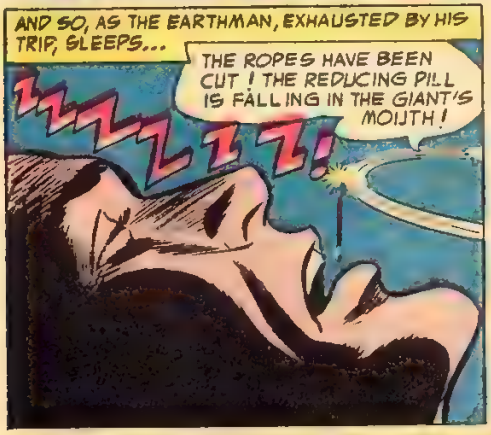

UNKNOWINGLY, THE MARTIAN HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM THE PUDDLE BY A BIOLOGIST!
THE PUDDLE WATER I DREW UP IN THIS DROPPER SHOULD SHOW SOME INTERESTING MICROSCOPIC LIFE!


THROUGH HIS MICROSCOPE, THE BIOLOGIST SEES...


THAT STRANGE LIFE SPECK--A KILLER! I'LL "NEUTRALIZE" IT WITH ACID!
ACID

MEANWHILE, ON MARS--THE MARTIAN COUNCIL MEETS IN EMERGENCY SESSION...
THE GIANT HAS MOVED AWAY! FOR THE MOMENT THE CITY IS SAFE! HAS THE DEFENSE COUNCIL ANY NEW PLANS FOR COMBATTING IT?
IF WE CAN REDUCE IT TO OUR SIZE, WE WILL BE ABLE TO BATTLE IT ON MORE EVEN TERMS!


THE DARING PLAN IS PUT INTO EFFECT--AND SOON...
OUR SCOUTS REPORT THE GIANT ASLEEP! NOW IS THE TIME TO ADMINISTER THE SIZE-REDUCING ELEMENT!
SUMMON THE AIR FORCE! THEY WILL CARRY THE PILL ALOFT AND DROP IT INTO THE GIANT'S MOUTH!


AND SO, AS THE EARTHMAN, EXHAUSTED BY HIS TRIP, SLEEPS...
THE ROPES HAVE BEEN CUT! THE REDUCING PILL IS FALLING IN THE GIANT'S MOUTH!
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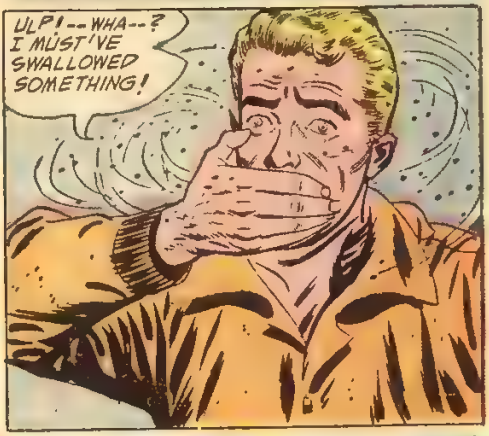
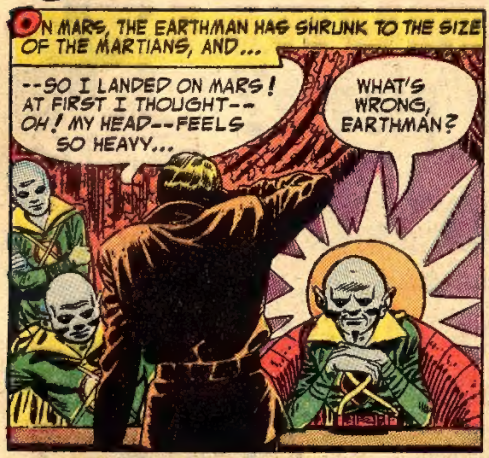
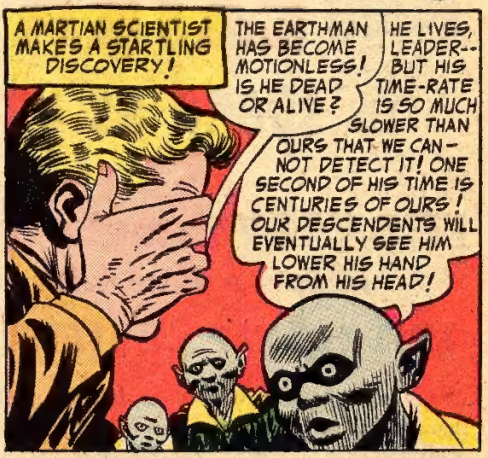

ULP!--WHA--? I MUST'VE SWALLOWED SOMETHING!

AS THE EARTHMAN CLAMBERS TO HIS FEET...
MY SPACE-SHIP...GROWING BIGGER--OR AM I SHRINKING?

AND IN A FEW MOMENTS...
I AM SHRINKING!... A TINY CITY IS COMING INTO VIEW!

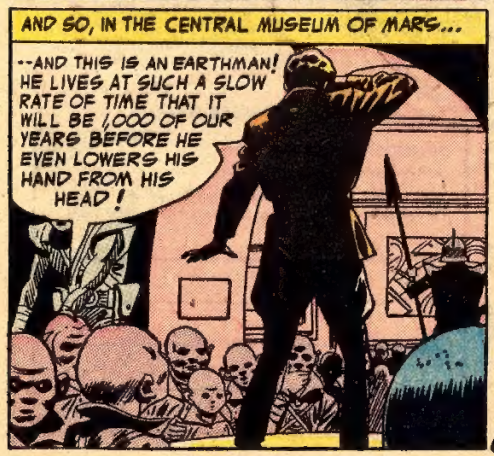
BACK ON EARTH, THE ACID HAS NO EFFECT ON THE MARTIAN, SO--
I'LL SEE HOW THAT STRANGE LIFE FORM REACTS TO GAMMA RAYS!
SOMETHING ODD IS HAPPENING TO ME! I'M GROWING TALLER..!
AND IN A FEW MOMENTS...
STILL GROWING-- WHERE AM I?
GREAT STARS! IT'S A HUMANOID!
SECONDS LATER...
I'D BETTER TURN OFF THE PROJECTOR--I HEAR HIS VOICE IN MY HEAD COMMUNICATING WITH ME BY TELEPATHY!
HAIL, MAN OF EARTH! I AM A MARTIAN!
CLICK!
I CAME HERE FROM MARS IN A SPACESHIP WHICH CRASHED! YOU MUST HELP ME--
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOU? YOU'RE CHANGING!
YOU'RE BECOMING OLD! AGING BEFORE MY EYES!
I-I--FEEL--WEAK--
HE'S COLLAPSING TO THE FLOOR-- DYING OF OLD AGE--!
AGHHHHH--

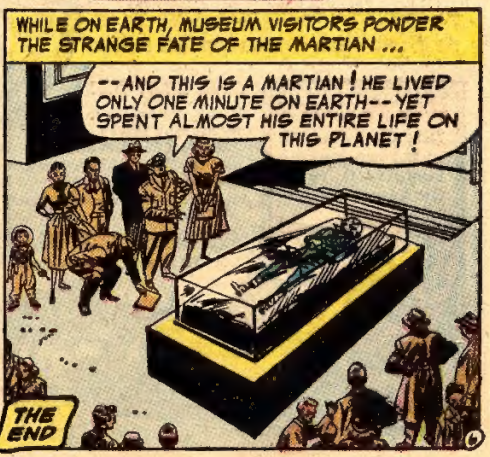

ON MARS, THE EARTHMAN HAS SHRUNK TO THE SIZE OF THE MARTIANS, AND...
--SO I LANDED ON MARS! AT FIRST I THOUGHT-- OH! MY HEAD--FEELS SO HEAVY...
WHAT'S WRONG, EARTHMAN?


A MARTIAN SCIENTIST MAKES A STARTLING DISCOVERY!
THE EARTHMAN HAS BECOME MOTIONLESS! IS HE DEAD OR ALIVE?
HE LIVES, LEADER-- BUT HIS TIME-RATE IS SO MUCH SLOWER THAN OURS THAT WE CAN-- NOT DETECT IT! ONE SECOND OF HIS TIME IS CENTURIES OF OURS! OUR DESCENDENTS WILL EVENTUALLY SEE HIM LOWER HIS HAND FROM HIS HEAD!

ON EARTH, THE BIOLOGIST CALLS IN THE AUTHORITIES...
THIS MARTIAN DIED OF-- OLD AGE!
OLD AGE? BUT YOU SAID HE APPEARED TO BE A YOUNG MAN!
HE WAS-- AN HOUR AGO!

THE MARTIAN'S TIME-RATE WAS DIFFERENT FROM OURS! ONE SECOND OF OUR TIME WAS YEARS TO HIM! HE AGED--GREW ANCIENT-- IN SECONDS OF OUR TIME!


AND SO, IN THE CENTRAL MUSEUM OF MARS...
--AND THIS IS AN EARTHMAN! HE LIVES AT SUCH A SLOW RATE OF TIME THAT IT WILL BE 1,000 OF OUR YEARS BEFORE HE EVEN LOWERS HIS HAND FROM HIS HEAD!


WHILE ON EARTH, MUSEUM VISITORS PONDER THE STRANGE FATE OF THE MARTIAN ...
--AND THIS IS A MARTIAN! HE LIVED ONLY ONE MINUTE ON EARTH--YET SPENT ALMOST HIS ENTIRE LIFE ON THIS PLANET!
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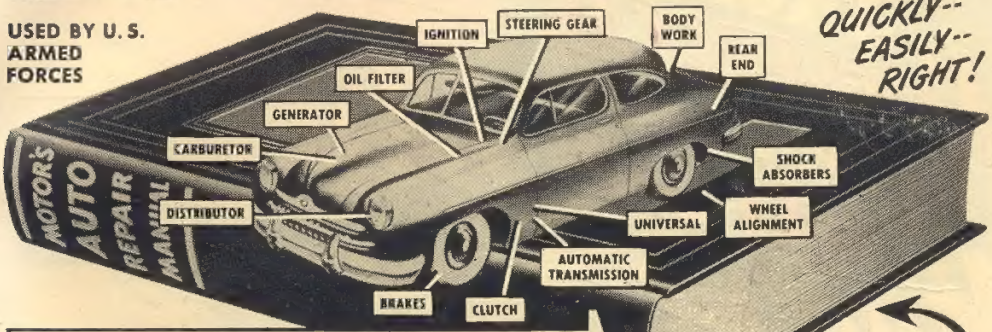

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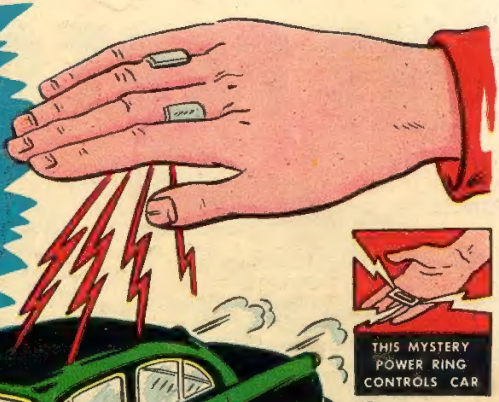

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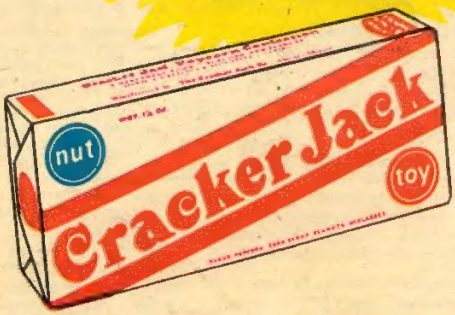

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